



GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0045; Docket No. 2022-0053; Sequence No. 14]

**Information Collection; Bid Guarantees, Performance and Payment Bonds,
and Alternative Payment Protection**

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services
Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space
Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of
1995 and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
regulations, DoD, GSA, and NASA invite the public to
comment on an extension concerning bid guarantees,
performance and payment bonds, and alternative payment
protections. DoD, GSA, and NASA invite comments on: whether
the proposed collection of information is necessary for the
proper performance of the functions of Federal Government
acquisitions, including whether the information will have
practical utility; the accuracy of the estimate of the
burden of the proposed information collection; ways to
enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the
information to be collected; and ways to minimize the
burden of the information collection on respondents,
including the use of automated collection techniques or
other forms of information technology. OMB has approved
this information collection for use through August 31,

2022. DoD, GSA, and NASA propose that OMB extend its approval for use for three additional years beyond the current expiration date.

DATES: DoD, GSA, and NASA will consider all comments received by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER.]**

ADDRESSES: DoD, GSA, and NASA invite interested persons to submit comments on this collection through <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions on the site. This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field or attach a file for lengthier comments. If there are difficulties submitting comments, contact the GSA Regulatory Secretariat Division at 202-501-4755 or GSAREgSec@gsa.gov.

Instructions: All items submitted must cite OMB Control No. 9000-0045, Bid Guarantees, Performance and Payment Bonds, and Alternative Payment Protection. Comments received generally will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check www.regulations.gov, approximately two-to-three days after submission to verify posting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Marissa Ryba, Procurement Analyst, at telephone 314-586-1280, or marissa.ryba@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. OMB control number, Title, and any Associated Form(s):

9000-0045, Bid Guarantees, Performance and Payment Bonds, and Alternative Payment Protection, Standard Forms (SF) 24, 25, 25-A, 25-B, 34, 35, 273, 274, 275, 1415, 1416, and 1418

B. Need and Uses

This justification supports an extension of the expiration date of OMB Control No. 9000-0045. This clearance covers the information that offerors or contractors must submit to comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) requirements:

FAR 52.228-1, Bid Guarantee. This provision (or clause) requires offerors or contractors to furnish a bid guarantee in the proper form and amount when a performance bond or a performance and payment bond is also required. (SF 24, Bid Bond; SF 34, Annual Bid Bond).

FAR 52.228-2, Additional Bond Security. This clause requires contractors to furnish additional bond security under certain circumstances. This clause is used both for construction and other than construction contracts. (SF 1415, Consent of Surety and Increase of Penalty).

FAR 52.228-13, Alternative Payment Protections. This clause requires contractors to submit one of the payment protections listed in the clause by the contracting officer, in construction contracts greater than \$35,000 but not exceeding \$150,000.

FAR 52.228-14, Irrevocable Letter of Credit. This clause requires offerors or contractors to provide certain information when they intend to use an irrevocable letter of credit (ILC) in lieu of a required bid bond, or to secure other types of required bonds such as performance and payment bonds. This clause is required in solicitations and contracts when a bid guarantee, or performance bond, or performance and payment bonds are required.

FAR 52.228-15, Performance and Payment Bonds-Construction. This clause requires contractors to provide performance and payment bonds in construction contracts exceeding \$150,000 (SF 25, Performance Bond; SF 25-A, Payment Bond; SF 25-B, Continuation Sheet (for SF's 24, 25, and 25-A); SF 273, Reinsurance Agreement for a Bonds Statute Performance Bond; SF 274, Reinsurance Agreement for a Bonds Statute Payment Bond).

FAR 52.228-16, Performance and Payment Bonds-Other Than Construction. This clause requires contractors to furnish performance and payment bonds for other than construction contracts exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold only in certain circumstances. (SF 35, Annual Performance Bond; SF 275, Reinsurance Agreement in Favor of the United States; SF 1416, Payment Bond for Other Than Construction Contracts; SF 1418, Performance Bond for Other Than Construction Contracts).

The bid guarantees, bonds, or alternative payment protections are retained by the Government until the contractor's obligation is fulfilled.

C. Annual Burden

Respondents: 6,279.

Total Annual Responses: 6,279.

Total Burden Hours: 6,279.

OBTAINING COPIES: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the GSA Regulatory Secretariat Division by calling 202-501-4755 or emailing GSAREgSec@gsa.gov. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0045, Bid Guarantees, Performance and Payment Bonds, and Alternative Payment Protection.

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